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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - SECRETARY'S MID EAST VISIT

1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST STILL FRONT-PAGE
STORY IN JORDANIAN PRESS OCT 14, WITH SISCO'S CONVERSATIONS WITH
KING HUSEIN RECEIVING TOP HEADLINES IN ALL DAILIES.
PROMINENT ARTICLES ON SISCO VISIT CONTAIN ONLY BARE FACTS
OF TIMING OF STAY IN JORDAN. AR-SAYY: "MR. SISCO INFORMED HIS MAJESTY

AND THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE CONVERSATIONS
WHICH DR. KISSINGER HELD WITH THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES."
EDITORIAL COMMENT PROFUSE AFTER SPARSE TWO DAYS. END SUMMARY

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2. IN ADDITION TO PROMINENCE GIVEN SISCO STROY, JORDANIAN

DAILIES PLAY SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ISREAL AND RIYADH AS FRONT-PAGE NEWS. AD-DUSTOUR QUOTES SECRETARY AS STATING THAT SAUDI TALKS CONCENTRATED ON EFFORTS FOR PEACE AND SAUDI ARABIA'S FUTURE PETROLEUM POLICY, AND THAT FEISAL'S ATTITUDE "INVITES ENCOURAGEMENT." RE ISRAEL STOP, AD-DUSTOUR NOTES, "DR. KISSINGER SAID THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACH ON SEVERAL PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WILL ENABLE HIM TO CONTINUE HIS PEACE EFFORTS. HE FOUND ISRAEL SINCERELY READY TO WORK FOR PEACE. DR. KISSINGER LEFT ISRAEL FULLY ASSURED THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE READY TO CONDUCT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS IN AN APPROPRIATE TIME."

3. AMMAN WEEKLY AKHBAR AL-OSBOU'S NOTES, "IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SECRETARY SUCCEEDED DURING THIS FIRST ROUND OF TALKS IN EXTENDING THE TENURE OF THE UNEF FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS, DURING WHICH TIME BILATERAL TALKS, THROUGH DR. KISSINGER, WILL TAKE PLACE FOR MORE ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS ON BOTH FRONTS. HOWEVER, DR. KISSINGER FOUND DIFFICULTY IN SYRIA, WHICH REFUSES TO EXTEND THIS TENURE UNLESS ISRAEL DECLARES HER INTENTION TO MAKE NEW WITHDRAWALS FROM THE GOLAN....DR. KISSINGER'S TALKS IN AMMAN WERE LABELED AS "EXPLORATORY" RE SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE JORDAN RIVER."

4. GOJ-SPONSORED AR-RAYY PRINTS FOLLOWING FRONT-PAGE ACCOUNT OF JORDAN VISIT: "IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT DURING HIS TAY IN JORDAN SATURDAY, DR. KISSINGER RECEIVED A REPORT THAT ISRAEL HAD RETRACTED HER OFFER TO PULL BACK FROM THE WEST BANK IN EXCHANGE FOR A JORDANIAN DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERANCY. THE REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN AMMAN. SECRETARY KISSINGER BACOME QUITE UPSET AFTER READING THE REPORT. THE RETURN OF MR. SISCO TO JORDAN YESTERDAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT IN LIGHT OF DR. KISSINGER'S TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS YESTERDAY." AR-RAYY PRINTS CARTOON SHOWING SECRETARY TRYING TO INFLATE BALLON LABELED "PEACE EFFORTS," WHILE ISRAELIS PUNCTURE IT.

5. FRONT-PAGE AD-DUSTOUR EDITORIAL ENTITLED "KISSINGER'S DIPLOMACY UNDER TEST" "DESPITE DR. KISSINGER'S INSISTENCE THAT HE CARRIES WITH HIM NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR PEACE, THERE IS MORE THAN ONE INDICATION THAT "SOMETHING" IS IN THE BRIEFCASE OF THE PERIPATETIC VENDOR WHICH HE WISHES TO MARKET TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNED...YET THE REAL TEST IS IN RESULTS. INSTEAD OF PRESSURING THE ISRAELIS, HE HAS PRESSURED THE ARABS...UNLESS KISSINGER SUCCEEDS IN ACHIEVING PEACE AND PRODUCING THE WHITE DOVES, THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS WELL-KNOWN BY THE FORMER PROFESSOR OF HISTORY: WAR, WHICH NONE OF US WANTS, BUT WHICH WILL BE SIBSTITUTED FOR CAPITULATION TO ISRAEL." AMMAN AL-MASA, ON THE OTHER HAND, COMMENDS SECRETARY'S EFFORTS, CITING PRODUCTIVE RESUTLS ON EGYPTIAN AND SRYIAN FRONTS. "DR. KISSINGER SHOULD NOW CONFINE HIS

EFFORTS TO BRINGING ABOUT A SEPARATION OF FORCES ON THE JORDANIAN-ISRAELI FRONT."

6. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN AS-SABAH: "DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT YESTERDAY TO ISRAEL GAVE A NEW INDICATION THAT ZIONIST ENEMY STILL ADHERES TO ITS STUBBORN ATTITUDE CONCERNING WITHDRAWAL. THUS, THOSE WHO FELT OPTIMISM CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT TOUR HAVE INDEED ERRED. ALL THE WORLD WAS TALKING ABOUT ISRAELI MAPS, BUT NO SOONER HAD DR. KISSINGER LEFT ISRAEL, THAN THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH MAPS...FURTHERMORE, YIGAL ALLON'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT DID NOT EVEN MENTION THE WORD "AGREEMENT."

EDITORIAL AGAIN CALLS FOR ARAB COORDINATION. GOJ-BACKED AR-RAYY EDITORIALIZES: "KISSINGER KNOWS THAT THE RABAT SUMMIT IS SCHEDULED FOR OCT 26, AND THAT ISMA'IL FAHMI IS GOING TO MOSCOW. WHY, THEREFORE, IS HE FREEZING POLITICAL MOVEMENT BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMITRY AND THE MOSCOW VISIT?" EDITORIAL SAYS THAT AMERICAN THREATS AGAINST ARAB OIL-PRODUCERS, "IN WHICH DR. KISSINGER PLAYED A PROMINENT ORLE," HAVE ANGERED ARABS AND HAVE BEEN INCENTIVE FOR LATEST TRIP BY SECRETARY. "THUS, DR. KISSINGER'S TRIP HAS AS ITS PRIMARY MOTIVE OIL, WHILE PEACE IN THE AREA IS NOT THE REAL MOTIVE." PICKERING

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